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IN THE GOOD OLD TIMES.

Light on the Eternal Servant Question in 1735.

If there be one point on which modern bousewives are agreed it is certainly the degeneracy of modern housemaids. And yet there is room for doubt as to whether this is not a popular fallacy. In a curious old tract entitled "A Trip Through a Town; Containing Observations on the Humors and Manners of the Age," published in 1735, there is a chapter devoted to "Maid Servants" which would cause even a fin-de-siecle matron to gasp. The writ r

secle matron to gasp. The writ r says:

"Women servants are now so scarce that, from thirty to forty shillings a year, their wages are increased to six, seven and eight pounds per annum, insomuch that an ordinary tradesman cannot well keep one; but his wife, who might be useful in his shop or business, must do the drudgery of the household affairs, and all this because our servant girls are so puffed up with hold affairs, and all this because our servant girls are so puffed up with pride nowadays that they never think they go fine enough. It is a hard matter to know the mistress from the maid by the dress—nay, very often the maid is the finer of the two. Our woolen manufacturers suffer much by this, for nothing but silks and satins will go down with our kitchen wenches, to support which tolerable pride they have insensibly raised their wages to such a height as was never known in any age or nation but this."

Moreover, there was in those days something very like a trades union

something very like a trades union among maid servants for keeping up an exorbitant scale of wages. "Be-fore a country girl has been a week in service in town," says the author of "The Trip," "a committee of ser-vant wenches are appointed to ex-amine her, who advise her to raise her wages or give warning to an her wages, or give warning, to en-courage her to which the herb wo-man, or chandler woman, or some other old intelligencer, provides her a place of four or five pounds a year.

This suits Madame Cock a hoop, and she thinks of nothing but vails (tips) and high wages, and so gives warning from place to place, till she

warning from place to place, till she gets her wages up to the top."

The maid servant in those days not only robbed her mistress; she levied blackmail, too, upon her mistress' guests, in shape of "vails," or tips, as we should call them. "For now," says the author, "they make it a perquisite, a material part of their wages, nor must their master give a supper but that the maid expects the guests should pay for it—nay, sometimes through the nose. Thus have they spirited people up to this unnecessary and burdensome to this unnecessary and burdensome piece of generosity, unknown to our ancestors, who only gave gifts at Christmastide, which custom is yet kept up into the bargain; insomuch that a maid shall have £8 per annum, and, if her master is a man of free spirit, and receives much com-pany, she very often doubles her wages by her vails. Thus, having meat, drink, washing and lodging for her labor, she throws her whole income upon her back, and by this means looks more like the mistress of the family than the servant

And those were the "good old times!" Who would care to substi-tute them for our own? The mis-tress of to-day, with all that she suffers at the hands of servants, may take heart when she thinks of the maids of 160 years ago.

Granny Gorton's Birthday.

Saturday, January 21st, was a great day in Central Village, in the State of Connecticut, in America. On that day Mrs. Jonathan Gorton was 100 years old and formally received her friends, of whom hundreds were present. She wore her best black silk gown, with a rose in the bodice. The venerable lady was seated in a comfortable armchair on a platform in the best room of her house. Then the train of callers filed through, each and all shaking hands with her. "Grauny Gorton," as she is called, is a trim little body and very nimble on her feet. There was never anything ailed her, she says, and, except that her eyesight isn't quite so good as it used to be, she is as active as any woman of 50.

Why has Granny Gorton lived so long? Why is she so active now? She lets out the secret herself when

she says, "There was never anything ailed me." That's it, and all of it.

People who live 100 years are not so very rare. The deaths of 45 such were reported last year in England —22 men and 23 women. Yet, compared to the multitudes who die, these are nothing—nothing. Can we not keep things from ailing us, and so live long as Mrs. Gorton? Yes if we will take the trouble to do it! Men and women 100 years old, still vigorous and clear-headed, should be a sight so common as not to be remarked, and will be yet in the future. Why not so now? "Ask yourself the question," as the boat-men say down on Deal beach.

Here's how it is: A woman's tale. She says she fell ill when a girl of about 15. She lost her appetite, had pains in the sides and chest, freprent headaches, and was often ob-

quent headaches, and was often obliged to be down on the couch and
rest. All this didn't promise long
life, did it? No; it was a bad start.
Weil, she got worse instead or better. She was often sick, vomited
her food, and spitting up a sour
fluid. For five years she went on
this way. This brings us to October,
1881. She was then in service as
parlor-maid at Leamington Hastings, Warwickshire. Here she suffered from constant sickness, rechfered from constant sickness, reiching, and heartburn. The chest pains were so bad as to bend her two double. No position that she could take relieved her. Her stomach was so tender and sore that everything she ate pained and distressed her. For months and mouths she only took liquid food—milk and beaten eggs, and so on.

eggs, and so on. She got weaker and weaker every day, so she says. Of course; how else could it be? A doctor at Rugby told her she had "ulceration of the chest," which she didn't at all. What is "ulceration of the chest"?

He gave her medicines and advice, but she grew no better on that ac-count. This young lady was now about 20 years old, with a poor out-look for ever being much older. She didn't expect it nor did her friends. Then another doctor, being consult-ed, said "ulceration of the chest," like his medical brother at Rugby. Both wrong.

"After six months' medical treat-"After six months' medical treatment," she says, "I gave up my situation and returned to my home at Buxton Lamas, Norfolk. This was in June, 1882. Then I was taken so bad I had to take to my bed. My mother thought I was in a decline." Now, the word "decline" means consumption, as we all know; a disease common in England and incurable everywhere. Thousands of bright girls and young man "de-

bright girls and young men "de-cline" into their graves every year in this populous island Sad enough

Well, at this point her good and wise mother interfered in her daughter's case. She gave the doctors the go-by and sent to Norwich for some bottes of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. In two weeks the young patient began to feel better, and in three months she got a new situ-ation and went to work.

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A dozen words more and we're General Business Agent digestion and dyspepsia, nothing else, and quite enough. The "ulcera-tion" was inflammation of the inner coating of the stomach, a symptom of the disease. We wish her a long and happy life, and merely add that if all her sex could avoid or cure this one trouble most of them might live to be as old as Granny Gorton.

Now that the war of the revolu-tion is over, it is the duty of every man to support the existing form of government. Although things may not move with that cordiality that would ensure an everlasting peace, still they may be allowed to subside into that indifference without animosity that would allow either party to work out their best intere things considered it may be for the best, but time, the only arbitrator in such cases, must alone decide that James T. Stewart is a Plumber and will do your work in good shape and at figures that will give you satisfaction.

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